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A word from our Commanders

Navy winning war against drug abuse

Navy's zero tolerance drug abuse policy has been in effect since 1981. The cornerstone of this policy has been, and continues to be an aggressive and random urinalysis program.

We can take great pride in the fact that through the first seven months of fiscal year 2002, the Navy is seeing the lowest drug usage rates in 21 years.

Through April 2002, overall, the Navy's drug positive rate (number of positives/number of total samples) was 0.62 percent, compared to 0.77 percent during same timeframe in FY-01.

Moreover, while we have tested 43,000 more samples in FY-02 compared to FY-01, 499 fewer sailors tested positive.

Despite the success to date, we must continue to press until the positive rate gets to and stays at 0.00 percent.

Our commitment to a drug-free navy will remain strong. Every officer and sailor will participate in random urinalysis. Every command is required to test a minimum of 10 percent of all personnel assigned each month, and conduct one annual unit sweep of all personnel. There are no waivers to this policy. Each command will comply with this policy whether deployed or not.

In addition to urinalysis, education is a strong tool for preventing drug abuse. The Navy's Drug and Alcohol Program Management Activities (DAPMAS), located in San Diego and



By VADM Norbert Ryan Jr.
Chief of Naval Personnel

Norfolk, provide abuse prevention courses to the fleet. Courses include Personal Responsibility And Values Education And Training (PREVENT), Alcohol Drug Abuse Managers/Supervisors (A D A M S) Training, Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), Urinalysis Program

Coordinator (UPC), and Navy Drug Screening Program (NDSP) Training. These tools and resources are provided to help leaderships' deckplate efforts to eliminate drug abuse.

I ask for your continued leadership in ridding our ranks of this menace called drug abuse.

For additional information or to obtain command specific training, contact your respective DAPMA. Amplifying information is available on Navy Alcohol And Drug Abuse Prevention Program website: <http://navdweb.spawar.navy.mil>.

Enhancing fleet readiness

Editor's Note: Calling our Navy "the greatest in the world," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark recently published his vision for the future. The following is the third installment of the CNO's Guidance for 2002.

CNO Guidance for 2002

Guidance for Leaders

- * We must sustain the war against terrorism.
- * Increase PGM and spare parts production and repair rates to sustain the war on terrorism and fulfill Defense Planning Guidance requirements. (N7/N8/N4/SYSCOMs)
- * Develop plan to improve aircraft engine and component reliability. (N4/SYSCOMs)
- * We must provide for homeland security and force protection.
- * Review/adjust Rules of Engagement for defending against terrorists. (OJAG/N3/N5/CFFC)
- * Partner with USCG and other Federal Agencies to strengthen maritime intelligence, ensure timely dissemination of actionable intelligence, and develop effective courses of action to reduce vulnerability. (N2/N3/N5)
- * Dedicate 13,000 Sailors to force protection by December 2002. Simultaneously invest in technologies that will increase the effectiveness of our manpower investment. (N1/N7/N8/Echelon II)
- * Integrate and standardize employment of force protection personnel



By Adm. Vern Clark
Chief of Naval Operations

(active and reserve) to ensure uniform practices in CONUS and overseas. (CFFC/Echelon II)

*** We must enhance Fleet readiness.**

* Establish pilot projects to evaluate alternative manning and

deployment approaches to enhance our forward presence. (CFFC)

* Achieve C-2 readiness in manning, training, and equipping for all units at least six months prior to deploying. (N4/N1/N7/CFFC)

* Accelerate procurement and fielding of 21st century training simulators. Review and revise training matrices to capitalize on simulator time. (CNET/TYCOMs)

* Develop a plan for sustaining Navy Training Ranges, including addressing encroachment issues. (N4/N9/CFFC)

* Establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding improving warfighting skills at the tactical and operational levels. (CFFC)

* Conduct zero-based review of readiness requirements with analytical rigor, challenging the assumptions of the existing process. Refine/redefine the Fleet requirements development process in Ship and Aircraft Maintenance, Ship Operations, Flying Hour Program,

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From our Fleet

Martin takes command of DESRON

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

Captain James R. Martin, USNR, relieved Captain William Marlowe, USNR, as Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX in a traditional change of command aboard the USS Boone (FFG 28), at Naval Station Pascagoula, on Friday, June 28.

The guest speaker was Captain Richard Foster, USN, Chief of Staff for the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

Capt. Martin was born in Montgomery, Ala., and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program in May 1979 following graduation from the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., with a Bachelor's degree in Geology.

His sea duty assignments include serving as gunnery assistant and First Lieutenant aboard USS Cone (DD 866) from July 1980 until May 1982. He was then assigned as Combat Information Center Officer aboard USS Clifton Sprague (FFG 16) from September 1982 until May 1984.

In October 1987, Capt. Martin was released from active duty and affiliated with the Naval Reserve from which he was assigned to the USS Flatley (FFG 21) until his recall to active duty in June 1988. Upon recall to active duty, he remained assigned to Flatley as Ship Control Officer and Navigator until January 1989.

After completion of Surface Warfare Department Head School in August 1989, he served as Combat Systems Officer aboard USS Wadsworth (FFG 9) until May 1991. From June 1991 to January 1992, he was assigned to the staff of the Commander, Surface Squadron FIVE as Assistant Material



Photo by Stacey Byington

Capt. James R. Martin assumes command of Destroyer Squadron SIX from Capt. William S. Marlowe, as Capt. Richard Foster, Chief of Staff for the Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet looks on. The change of command ceremony was held aboard USS Boone (FFG 28) at the pier of Naval Station Pascagoula. The Boone is one of the ships attached to DESRON SIX.

Officer. He served as Executive Officer aboard USS Ingraham (FFG 61) from March 1992 until August 1993. Captain Martin took command of USS Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG 13) in December 1996.

Shore tours include assignments at Navy Recruiting District Jacksonville as an Officer Recruiter and then as Officer Programs Department Head from July 1984 to September 1987. Capt. Martin was assigned as Commanding Officer

of the Naval Reserve Center in Columbia, S.C., from September 1993 to April 1996. In October 1998, Capt. Martin reported to the staff of the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (SURFLANT) in October 1998, where he initially served as Force Reserve Coordinator, and then as Inspector General and Assistant Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel.

Personal awards include two Meritorious Service Med-

als, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and service awards.

Captain Marlowe is a native of Glenham, N.Y., and a 1975 graduate of the State University of New York. Enlisting in the Naval Reserve in December 1973, he received his commission in November 1975. He has commanded Destroyer

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From our Fleet

Decisive back from security deployment

By USCGC Decisive PAO

USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629) returned to her homeport at Naval Station Pascagoula on June 19, after completing a six-and-one-half-week homeland security deployment.

Decisive relieved USCGC Dauntless of her homeland security responsibilities on May 7, beginning Decisive's first Gulf of Mexico patrol in recent years. Decisive's crew, along with temporarily assigned personnel from Coast Guard Marine Safety Office New Orleans, conducted 60 law enforcement boardings during the patrol. Ten of the boardings were high interest vessels that had to be certified by a Coast Guard boarding team before they could enter U.S. waters and transit the Mississippi River. The remaining boardings were fisheries enforcement boardings and maritime safety boardings.

Decisive conducted three search and rescue cases, most notably the escort of Sailing Vessel Chelsea B. to Southwest Pass, La. Chelsea B was sailing from Guatemala to Texas when her master had to be medically evacuated because of heart trouble. The remaining person aboard, a 64-year old woman, became fatigued and disoriented, so Decisive was diverted to assist the vessel. Decisive arrived on scene and sent three crewmembers to sail back to Southwest Pass. The "sailing team" consisted of ENS John Burns, Cadet First Class Jon Rice and Cadet Third Class Ernie Saponara, all prior sailing team members at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

In addition to the busy boarding schedule, training was also emphasized this patrol. Decisive completed helicopter landing qualifications with HH-65 Dolphin helicopters from Coast Guard Air



Photo by Stacey Byington

USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629) returns to its homeport, Naval Station Pascagoula, following a homeland security deployment in the Gulf of Mexico.

Stations Houston and New Orleans, and Aviation Training Center Mobile. USCGC RAZORBILL, an 87-ft cutter stationed in Gulfport, Miss., assisted Decisive in a towing exercise and a refueling-at-sea exercise. Even with the fast paced schedule, the crew was able to relax during three mid-patrol breaks in New Orleans, La.; Pensacola, Fla.; and Panama City, Fla.

The Decisive is a 210-ft. medium endurance cutter commanded by Cmdr. Kurt A. Van Horn, who assumed command on May 3, 2002. The ship's company consists of 12 officers and 63 enlisted crewmembers. During the patrol, four crewmembers were advanced to the next higher pay grade, three were certified as underway Officer of the Deck, three were certified as Boarding Officers, and many more crew-

members were certified in their respective watch stations. Decisive also welcomed aboard a new Executive Officer, Lt.

Cmdr. David Strong and Operations Officer, Lt. Brent Durbin.



Photo by Stacey Byington

Bake sale -- Corpsmen at the Branch Medical Clinic Pascagoula set out goodies that are being sold to help fund the upcoming medical ball.

From our Fleet

Yorktown nets six metric tons of cocaine

By Lt.j.g. Sarah Thomas
USS Yorktown PAO

After five months away from its homeport at Naval Station Pascagoula, USS Yorktown returned home today. The Aegis guided-missile cruiser is returning from a successful five-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea and the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

Yorktown spent the first part of the deployment participating with navies from Caribbean and South American countries in UNITAS, a month-long exercise held each year to improve the operational readiness and interoperability of U.S. and South and Central American naval forces.

For the remainder of the deployment, Yorktown served as the central intelligence-collecting ship in the counter-narcotics operations of the Eastern Pacific. Yorktown was a key asset in the on-going joint effort with the U.S. Coast Guard to monitor, detect and seize illicit narcotics in accordance with international agreements.

The ship was responsible for seizing 269 bales of cocaine, each weighing approximately 20 kilos, for a total of almost 6 metric tons. The drugs have an estimated street value of more than \$300 million dollars.

"I am very pleased with the



Photo by Stacey Byington

USS Yorktown (CG 48) throws the first lines to tie up at the pier of Naval Station Pascagoula, after a five-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean. The Yorktown is responsible for seizing almost six metric tons of cocaine

crew's performance," said town's commanding officer. Cmdr. Bob Kerno, Jr., York- "They executed every evolu-

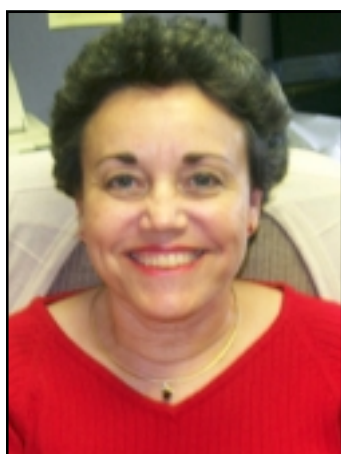
tion, from bilateral exercises to counter-narcotic operations, with the pride and professionalism that all CO's dream about."

In addition to their drug interdiction operations, the deployment was successful in other ways. Crew training was a big part of the deployment, and 65 crewmen are returning home having earned the coveted Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification pin, and 45 earned the Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist qualification pin, with the help of HSL 42 Det 4.

The ship has a crew of approximately 330. For many of the crew, the port visits in Central and South America along with multiple transits through the Panama Canal were the highlight of the deployment. There have been changes at home as well. At least six crewmembers are returning to see newborn children for the first time.

After five months of deployment the crew of USS Yorktown is returning safely to their families, and will forever carry with them the patriotic feeling of accomplishment, service to their country, and the knowledge that while they were deployed, they made a real difference in the war against drugs.

Street talk: "What does the 4th of July mean to you?"



***Donna Wilgus,
NAVSTA's Information
Systems Manager:***

"Grandma and apple pie," is the first thing that comes to Wilgus' mind. "I also think of our Declaration of Independence and the wars we fought to gain our freedom," she added.



***EN1(SW) Kim Branch,
SIMA's engine shop
LPO:***

"Independence Day is a time to spend with my family and enjoy lots of barbecue."

From our Fleet

DESRON sailor helps extinguish house fire

By JO2 Renee Johnson
Public Affairs Office

Recently, a Chief from Destroyer Squadron SIX assisted with extinguishing a fire that caused more than \$150,000 worth of damage to a Big Point home on Highway 613.

"While I was driving to work, at about 7:15 a.m., I rounded a curve and noticed some black smoke in the sky," said OSC(SW) Robert Collins, DESRON SIX's Combat Information Center Officer.

He had a gut feeling something was seriously wrong.

"I thought it was kind of strange for someone to be burning trash that early in the morning."

According to Jackson County Sheriff's Department reports, a 4-year-old child was playing with a cigarette lighter, which led to the early morning fire on June 4.

"As I got closer, I saw that the back of a house was engulfed in flames," said Collins.



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

OSC(SW) Robert Collins relates his fire experience to a fellow shipmate, Lt. Richard McDaniel.

"I pulled over real quick, jumped out of my truck, and asked if anyone was in the house."

"I was not going to let some-

body die inside that house," he added.

"As I walked around to the other side of the house, I saw two young men standing out-

side of the home trying to put the fire out with a garden hose," said Collins.

Collins noticed another situation that concerned him.

"There were two cars parked about eight to 10 feet away from the house," he said

The three of them along with other people, who had stopped to help, moved the vehicles to a safer distance from the home.

"The fire was quickly working its way to the front of the house," added Collins.

Once the volunteers from the local fire department arrived, Collins continued assisting with controlling the fire that had now engulfed the home in flames.

"We sprayed the house as much as we could for about three to four minutes before the other trucks showed up," said Collins.

"The volunteer fire fighters thanked me, I went home, changed clothes, and went to work," said Collins.

Martin assumes command of DESRON SIX ...

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Squadron SIX at Naval Station Pascagoula since May 2000.

Among his many accomplishments during his tenure at DESRON SIX, Capt. Marlowe was responsible for dramatically improving the combat readiness of the squadron's ships. Under his tutelage, squadron ships successfully completed three Standing NATO Forces Atlantic (SNFL) and four Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) deployments. These ships were responsible for interdicting more than 5,900 kilos of cocaine.

He is recognized as a dynamic leader, and his operational, training and material management has set the benchmark for other destroyer squadrons to emulate. Accord-

ing to Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, "No one has done more in the development of new technology and training initiatives to improve the U.S. Navy's performance in counter drug operations. He has met every challenge head-on and delivered operational excellence."

For the next 18 months, Capt. Marlowe will be a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C., working on a third Masters degree. He currently holds a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science degree in Management from Salve Regina College.



Photo by Stacey Byington

GSCM(SW) Jack Friley, DESRON SIX's command master chief, presents outgoing Capt. William Marlowe with the command pennant.

Around the Homeport

Naval Station celebrates 10th birthday

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

Happy birthday, Naval Station Pascagoula.

July 4, 2002, marks the 10th anniversary of the official dedication of the Homeport, which occurred on July 4, 1992.

However, the station history actually goes back to 1985 when Singing River Island, formerly a mudlump formed from dredge spoils, was selected as a strategic home-porting site, and named Naval Station Pascagoula. Construction on the causeway began in 1987, and a ground-breaking ceremony was held on May 28, 1988, which signaled the start of construction on the island.

According to old newspaper reports and some of the station's plankowners (those who were part of the station's initial construction and establishment, and the station's first federal employees), people started moving into offices on Singing River Island in January 1991.

"When I began working for Naval Station Pascagoula, there were only 12 people on the staff," said Sara Stockfleth, secretary for the commanding officer. "We had not moved to the island yet. Our offices were on Market Street in Pascagoula, in the building that is now the Cornerstone Deli. I worked there for about four months before moving out to the Admin Building on the island."

When the first employees moved out to the island, the only complete buildings on the station were the Administrations Building, (Bldg. 10), the Port Operations Building, the Fire Station, and the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) building.

"We were a close-knit group in those early days," said Stockfleth. "I remember we celebrated our first Christmas on the island with a pot-luck



Construction on the station is in its initial stages in late 1988. There are no completed buildings, although construction has begun on Bldg. 10, the Admin/headquarters building. Construction of the pier is on-going.

dinner in the large conference room of the Admin Building. It was all decorated and all the NAVSTA people jammed in and we had a great time."

Fred Blair, the current Facilities Maintenance and Transportation Manager, was

another one of the first 12 people assigned to the station in 1990.

"In the beginning, there were only four people assigned to the Public Works Department," said Blair. "I was fortunate enough to get to see all

the buildings completed, most of the roads and sidewalks installed, and the trees planted.

"We worked many nights and weekends unpacking, assembling, and installing furniture," Blair continued. "I never

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Some Naval Station Pascagoula history

Early 1980's -- Congress approves Navy's 'strategic homeporting' plan. Cooperative interests in the State of Mississippi, Jackson County and Pascagoula offer a site on the Singing River Island.

1985 -- Naval Station Pascagoula is selected as a strategic homeporting site.

1987 -- Construction begins on the access causeway.

1988 -- Ground-breaking ceremony on May 28 signals start of construction on the island.

1989 -- Gary Horman of Ocean Springs, then planning officer at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, is hired as the first Naval Station employee.

1990 -- Lt. Cmdr. Nancy Avila arrives as the station's first Executive Officer.

1991 -- Cmdr. Larry Kryske, the first Commanding Officer, arrives, and the first on-island facilities are occupied.

1992 -- USS Gallery (FFG 26) arrives in late June. Naval Station Pascagoula is dedicated on July 4, in a special 4th of July ceremony attended by Sen. Trent Lott and Asst. Secretary of the Navy Barbara Pope, both Pascagoula natives.

1993 -- The last three re-

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Around the Homeport

FFSC supports Sailors and their families

By JO2 Renee Johnson
Public Affairs Office

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station Pascagoula offers an array of services to area Sailors and their dependents.

"We provide service members and their families individual counseling, marital counseling, family counseling, and stress management," said FFSC director, Carolyn McCorvey.

"We also offer personal finance management, which includes budgeting, home buying, how to buy a car, checkbook management, and investments," she added.

Taking care of the entire Navy family is a large part of the services provided by FFSC.

"Our spouse employment assistant program is our big focus right now because we realize, if the spouses are content and satisfied in terms of their careers, then so will the Sailors, which therefore, enhances retention," said McCorvey.

"Our mission for the FFSC is to be a one-stop-shop. We are here to support the fleet and their families. We want people to feel comfortable that we can meet their needs and the needs of their families," she added.

Sailors save an enormous amount of money by taking advantage of the services provided by the FFSC.

"The FFSC is a tremendous savings for the Navy as a whole," said McCorvey. "If a Sailor or family member went out into the community and actually had to pay for these services, the cost would be enormous. Counseling alone can cost on the average, \$100 per hour in this particular area. These services are provided here at no cost to the Sailor."

Sailors can also have their taxes done at the FFSC through



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

The FFSC staff's objective is to support Naval Station Pascagoula Sailors and their families. Pictured are John McAnally, Carolyn McCorvey, Barbara Jones, Carol-Lee Harshner, Jennifer Starnes, Tamara Marks, Cheryl Hall, Johnnette Wilkerson, Gerri Warden, Rachel Thomas, Perry Barnes, Chip Peaks, and Jeff Isabell.

the volunteer income tax assistance program. During the 2001 tax season, the FFSC volunteers completed 823 federal tax returns and 378 state tax returns, with returns totaling \$1,032,000. This service saved Sailors and their dependents approximately \$111,216 in tax fees.

"My staff is a director's dream," said McCorvey. "This center shines because of the people who work here. A director can only be as good as the people who are actually on the front-line, who are ulti-

mately the ones who perform the front-line work."

The FFSC success is not only due to its staff, but is the result of their move on base, just over a year ago.

"When the FFSC first opened in 1992, we were located out at the Singing River Mall," said Johnnette Wilkerson, FFSC's clinical supervisor. "We moved here on base in March of last year. The drawback to being at the mall was the inconvenience for Sailors who had to change their uniforms.

Sometimes what was scheduled as a one-hour appointment could take a half-day or longer.

"Although, we all went through withdrawal symptoms from leaving the Dollar Tree (a store in the mall), being here on base is more convenient for both the Sailors and their families," said Wilkerson.

The credentials of the staff here are comparable to what is required out in the community sector.

"Each of my staff members are not only qualified, but they are genuinely concerned and will go over and beyond what is required to ensure Sailors and their family needs are met," said McCorvey.

Confidentiality, particularly in counseling, is something that the FFSC staff values.

"We want every single person who walks through our doors to know they will be treated with respect, not put down, laughed at or discounted," said Wilkerson.

"Everything possible is done to make certain an individual's confidentiality is protected," she added. "Case records are kept under lock and key. Only certain people have access to them. Two years following an individual's departure from the command, their records are shredded.

Wilkerson said that if a staff member breaches the Sailor-counselor confidentiality, that could be considered grounds for dismissal.

"Everyone is very friendly and professional," said one FFSC client on a customer evaluation form. "I always feel comfortable when I visit the Fleet and Family Support Center."

"I have had nothing, but positive experiences here. The staff is eager to help and readily does so," said another customer on an evaluation form.

Around the Homeport



Photo by Stacey Byington

New petty officers -- Newly frocked third class petty officers show off their new crowns with CMDCM(SW) Terry McIntyre, NAVSTA command master chief and Cmdr. Terry Rea, NAVSTA commanding officer. They are EN3 Daniel Simon, EN3 Vladislav Yaroshenko, GM3 Timothy Ray, GSM3 Terrance Scurry, MA3 Carrie Brunner, MA3 Sophia McGrady, MA3 Raul Sagaribay, MA3 Brian Singer, OS3 Desmond Peters, and TM3 Jason Buckingham.

Advancements -- The March advancement exam yielded seven promotions for NAVSTA Sailors. They were BM1(SW) Michael Haas, BM1(SW) Clayton Ledet, EN1(SW) David Garfield, MA1(SW) Zachery Loper, BM2 Derek Norris, BM2 Joe Ramirez, and BM2(SW) Delarrius Wilson.

Photo by Stacey Byington



Around the Homeport

A peek at life in paradise, here in Pascagoula

By Lt. Marc Dobson
Branch Medical Clinic

One of the questions I am asked is where is 'Paradise?'

I answer, "When you are there, you will know it."

I have known about 'it' for quite a while. Since I was a young boy I have dreamed of a place where I could walk down the dock, slip the lines off my sailing vessel and let the wind carry me to my own private adventure on the sea. I found paradise here in Pascagoula.

You may be asking yourself how could any sane man, in this insect-infested, alligator-crawling, small town on the black water of the Gulf of Mexico, ever consider this paradise!

Well, my friends, sit back, turn on some Jimmy Buffet, and indulge yourselves to my version of paradise.

I awaken at 5:30 a.m. to the gentle rocking of the waves against my 37-foot sloop "the Miss Mickey." The cool breeze fills the cabin and I can hear my pelican friend "Harry" croaking as he searches for his breakfast perched on the dock beside my boat.

Topside I sit in the cockpit, sip on a steamy cup of hot coffee, and observe the early morning antics that Mother Nature provides. The herring gobbles down his breakfast in the marsh, the old gator "Blue" gently cruises the canal to grab a quick meal, and the never-ending flock of gulls snatches the minnows off the calm water.

Next, I stroll down the dock for a quick dip in the pool. After a few laps, I decide to walk down to the beach and see if the local fisherman are having any luck. But of course, several of the locals have already caught their breakfast and their lunch — catfish,



Submitted photo

Showing off a little bit of his 'paradise,' Lt. Marc Dobson poses on his sailboat, Miss Mickey, tied up at the Singing River Yacht Club in Pascagoula. "Life couldn't get much better," he boasts.

speckled trout, and several pounds of shrimp.

Back to reality. I jaunt back to my boat, grab a quick shower and it's off to work to take care of the world's finest Sailors at the best little Medical Clinic in the Navy.

After work, I return to my boat, throw on some tennis shorts, stroll over to the courts and play a few intense sets of tennis with an opponent. I smoke him, of course, and we decide to walk over to the clubhouse for an evening of relaxation — a meal, a draft beer, and a view from the deck of the evening sailing armada returning to the docks with the sun casting its orange glow in the background.

You may be thinking this is the end of another day in para-

dise, but it's not.

After my relaxing meal in the clubhouse, a few of my fellow club members and I decide to take a leisurely evening sail. We board the boat, fire up the engine, slip our dock lines and pull away from the dock. Five minutes later, we raise the sails, cut the engine and watch the orange globe sink beneath the horizon.

We look over the side of the boat and observe a family of dolphins racing beside us. The dolphins always seem to treat the boat as a big toy. They jump in front of the bow, their entire bodies leaving the water and splashing back down.

After a few hours of enjoying our solitude we return to the dock and thus ends another perfect day in paradise.

If you are wondering where this little piece of paradise exists, I'll tell you. It's the Singing River Yacht Club, located on Beach Boulevard in Pascagoula. The Yacht Club is a family-oriented establishment that caters to the U.S. Navy.

The club offers a beautiful junior Olympic-size swimming pool, six tennis courts, a clubhouse which serves some of the finest cuisine on the coast, and a variety of boating activities.

I encourage all of you to give me a call or stop by the club and check it out. This is absolutely the best entertainment value on the coast.

You can contact Singing River Yacht Club, 769-1876 or LT Marc Dobson at the clinic 761-2366.

Navy News

Independence Day in a time of war

By Jim Garramone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 27, 2002 — For the first time since Vietnam, the United States is at war during Independence Day.

The global war on terrorism brings new meaning to the Fourth of July. The celebration of U.S. freedom is muted in many homes because of death or the absence of loved ones off serving the country.

July 4, 1776, was also celebrated during a time of war. As the Second Continental Congress voted for independence in Philadelphia, the British fleet sailed into the harbor of New York to land soldiers.

Americans knew from the moment the Declaration of Independence was approved that they were embarking on a new course. The war for independence had started in April 1775 when Patriot and British forces traded volleys at Lexington and Concord, Mass. The Continental Congress established the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, and appointed George Washington as its commander the next day.

From the first shots until July 4, 1776, Patriot forces would battle the British army or their Tory allies (colonists loyal to Britain) in more than a dozen significant face-offs from northern New York to South Carolina and countless unrecorded minor ones. War affected each and every Colonial family, whether Patriot or Tory.

When Congress passed the Declaration of Independence, no one knew what form "these United states" would ultimately take. The Colonies, after all, were just a loose collection of English-speaking settlements that had been founded for a variety of reasons — nation-building not



Photo by PHAN Matthew Keane

Fire Controlmen aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) guide a RIM-7 Sea Sparrow surface-to-air missile into its launcher.

being one. Continental distances in the age of horse power were daunting, and every possibility existed that the Colonies would go their separate ways once independence was won.

But even during the war, Washington and other Patriot leaders strove to make sense of the price in blood that Americans were paying for independence. Washington knew that "these United states" would be an experiment that could only succeed if independence were secured on the pillars of justice and freedom.

Washington didn't want Americans to exchange one tyrant for another, or another set of tyrants. The Revolution had to have meaning beyond just winning American independence.

Freedom and justice are worth fighting for. Americans from the Revolution to the War on Global Terrorism have realized that. Americans don't fight for plunder or territory. They do fight in defense of their homes, to establish peace and for the basic rights of human beings.

July 4th this year will have

celebrations. Fireworks will go off and Americans will join with friends and family to celebrate all that is good about being Americans. But Americans must remember the great evil done to America and what the country stands for as they celebrate independence.

"If you're interested in fighting evil, you can do so by doing some good — by mentoring a child, by going to a shut-in's house and say, 'What can I do to help you?'" President Bush said during a speech June 19. "You see, it's those small acts of kindness that really end up defining the true character of this country.

"I believe that out of the evil done to America (on Sept. 11) will come incredible good," Bush said. "The world is going to be more peaceful, America will be more secure. And millions of Americans understand that serving something greater than yourself in life is an important part of having a full life."

July 4th is the most American of holidays. In a time of war, it is the time to celebrate together and work together to make America worth the blood sacrificed by so many.

SECNAV's 4th of July message

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is the SECNAV's 2002 Independence Day Message to the United States Navy and Marine Corps:

"This year, we celebrate our Independence Day as a nation at war. Two hundred and twenty-six years ago, the Declaration of Independence established a new nation. Since that time, the United States Navy and Marine Corps have defended our great Republic and embodied its principles of freedom and liberty. Today, the United States serves as a beacon of hope around the globe.



Gordon England
Secretary
of the Navy

Our Nation's strong and decisive response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th has demonstrated to the entire world America's patriotism and devotion to duty. Nowhere is that duty to country more evident than in our Navy and Marine Corps. Through your service and sacrifice, our nation and our allies

will win the War on Terror.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve with you. Around the world, Sailors and Marines are answering our nation's call through their service and sacrifice. Your magnificent performance during Operation Enduring Freedom honors the legacy of our founders and forefathers who sacrificed so much to make America great.

"My most sincere wishes for a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. God Bless each of you, your families, and the United States of America."

Navy News

PCU Pinckney christened in Pascagoula

The newest Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer, Pinckney (DDG 91), was christened Saturday, June 29, 2002, during a 10 a.m. ceremony at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Pascagoula, Miss.

The ship honors Navy Cook Third Class William Pinckney, (1915-1975), recipient of the Navy Cross for his courageous rescue of a fellow crewmember onboard the USS Enterprise (CV 6) during the World War II Battle of Santa Cruz.

When an explosion killed four of the six men at his battle station in an ammunition handling room, Pinckney and the other surviving sailor attempted to exit through a hatch to the hangar deck above. When the other man grasped the scorching hatch, he fell back unconscious.

Despite the suffocating smoke, flames, and gasoline fumes surrounding him, Pinckney carried the sailor to safety. For his selfless heroism, Pinckney was awarded the Navy Cross.

Mississippi's senior U.S. Senator, The Honorable Thad Cochran, delivered the ceremony's principal address. Henrietta Middleton Pinckney served as sponsor for the ship named for her husband. In the time-honored Navy tradition, she broke a bottle of champagne across the bow to formally christen Pinckney.

Pinckney is the 41st ship of a planned production run of 63 vessels. These multi-mission ships conduct sustained combat operations at sea, providing primary protection for the Navy's aircraft carriers and battle groups, as well as essential escort to Navy and Marine Corps amphibious forces and auxiliary ships, and independent operations as necessary. DDG 91 will be capable of fighting air, surface, and sub-



Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Photo

Ship's Sponsor Mrs. Henrietta Middleton Pinckney, of Beaufort, S.C., smashes the traditional bottle of champagne across the bow of the Aegis guided missile destroyer PINCKNEY (DDG 91), assisted by Matron of Honor Mrs. Judith Hill, left. Observing the Saturday christening champagne splash at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Miss., are, l-r, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems President Dr. Philip A. Dur, U.S. Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi, and Mrs. Hill's husband, Winston. The ship is named to honor Pinckney's husband, William, (1915-1975), recipient of the Navy Cross for his courageous rescue of a fellow crewmember aboard the USS Enterprise (CV 6) during the Battle of Santa Cruz in 1942.

surface battles simultaneously.

The ship contains myriad offensive and defensive weapons designed to support maritime defense needs well into the 21st century.

Cmdr. Robert M. Byron, USN, a 1985 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, will be the prospective commanding officer of the ship with a crew of approximately 383 officers and enlisted.

Upon its commissioning in early 2004, Pinckney will be homeported in San Diego, Ca-

lif., as an element of Destroyer Squadron 23.

The 9,300-ton Pinckney is 509.5 feet in length, has a waterline beam of 59 feet, an

overall beam of 66.5 feet, and a navigational draft of 31.9 feet. Four gas turbine propulsion plants will power the ship to speeds above 30 knots.

***Participate in the
'Battle of the Mudlump'
challenge on July 3.***

Plankowners reflect on station's early history ...

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heard the words 'This is not in my job description.' Everyone did what they needed to do to get the station on line. Overseeing most of the construction of the facilities gave the early settlers a feeling of ownership."

Jo Ann Griffin, who is now the Housing Management Assistant, was hired as a supply clerk for the new station in December 1990.

"When we moved on the station in January 1991," said Griffin. "The supply offices were on the first floor of the Admin building. We were a small, close-knit group, and enjoyed pot-lucks, with everyone bringing covered dishes."

One of the first Security patrolman hired for the station was Joe Betts, who is currently the shift supervisor for the mid-night shift.

"When I was first hired in March 1991, the security office was in one room of the Head-



This photo, taken on Sept. 1, 1990, approximately two years after the photo on page 5, shows the pier and Admin building complete, and construction underway on the Port Operations building and the Fire Station.

quarters Building (Bldg. 10)," said Betts. "We typed desk journals and incident complaint reports on a typewriter."

Betts said that initially there were four people (security personnel) per shift, but initially they did not have a dispatcher.

Bob Gaudet, now a supply clerk with the FISC Detach-

ment, was hired to set up the Port Operations department for 24-hour operations. He said two of the six dispatchers he hired are still employed by the base — Richard Dunn, still at Port Operations, and Ed McGrath, who is now the Assistant Weapons Officer.

"During the grand-opening

ceremony Port Ops was used as the base command center, keeping an eye on everything that was going on," said Gaudet. "Security and NIS personnel used the building and radios to monitor events."

Gaudet also said that hurricane recovery equipment and supplies, purchased in 1992, are still being stored at Port Operations, just in case a hurricane ever threatens the station.

"I have seen many improvements in the Security Department and major improvements throughout the station over the years," said Betts. "I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many good people in different departments throughout the base. Naval Station Pascagoula has come a long way in the years that I have been here."

"With the growth of the base we keep getting better and better," said Griffin. "I am extremely proud to be part of Naval Station Pascagoula."

Naval Station Pascagoula history to present ...

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maining frigates initially assigned to the new station arrive. NAVSTA survives BRAC-93, and the last of the originally planned facilities, the Medical/Dental Clinic, is completed and occupied.

1994 -- Destroyer Squadron SIX relocates to NAVSTA Pascagoula. Two more frigates, moved from NAVSTA Mobile (closed by BRAC-93), relocate to the station.

1995 -- COMNAVSURFLANT announces reorganization, says guided missile cruisers will be homeported in Pascagoula replacing decommissioning frigates.

1996 -- USS Ticonderoga (CG 47) - first AEGIS cruiser, and USS Yorktown (CG 48) - first smart ship, arrive. NAVSTA awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) for standing up new station and accommodating mission increases from BRAC-93.

1997 -- Navy 'Smart Base' project begins with NAVSTA designated as a demonstration site. U.S. Coast Guard announces intention to station a Coast Guard cutter at the station. Navy announces intention to homeport a third cruiser.

1998 -- State-funded project relocates USCG Station Pascagoula to Singing River Island from its previous location on the east bank of East Singing River. USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51) and USCGC Decisive (WMEC 629) homeported at NAVSTA. Hurricane George strikes Gulf Coast, minor damage at the station. Lakeside facility transfers to NAVSTA from SUPSHIP.

1999 -- Navy Region Southeast stands up in Jacksonville, Fla., and becomes NAVSTA's immediate superior in command (ISIC).

2000 -- Wharf extension completed. USS Cole arrives at Ingalls Shipbuilding for repairs after terrorist bombing in Aden, Yemen.

2001 -- USS Cole's weapons successfully off-loaded at NAVSTA after ship is temporarily refloated at Ingalls. FFSC relocated to station from Singing River Mall. State/local funded USO completed and opened. Sept. 11 events revise security paradigm Navy-wide.

2002 -- Learning Resource Center opens.

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Aviation Spares, Other Base Operating Support, Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization, Program Related Engineering and Logistics costs, and Fleet Training. Articulate the peacetime sustainment and wartime surge requirements. (N8/N4/CFFC/Echelon II)

Future Readiness

We will achieve future warfighting effectiveness through transformational technologies, innovative operational concepts, and robust procurement. The goal is to realize major increases in our Navy's combat performance in the areas of mobility, agility, lethality, speed, stealth, precision and firepower.

Sixty percent of the ships in the Navy today will be in the Fleet in 2020. Therefore, transformation involves innovation within existing platforms as well as building new platforms. We must invest in meaningful experimentation solidly linked to programmatic analysis and operational doctrine. We must also sustain the skilled and highly motivated workforce needed to fight and win.

As we look to the future, exciting new capabilities will accelerate our Navy's transformation toward a truly Network Centric Force, including the DD(X) destroyer prototype, SSGN strike submarine, Joint Strike Fighter, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Tactical Tomahawk, Advanced Gun System, and Cooperative Engagement Capability, among others. These systems, in turn, will be employed in innovative ways via concepts validated in the Fleet Battle Experiment series coordinated by the Navy Warfare Development Command in Newport.

We must procure these platforms and capabilities in sufficient numbers to accomplish our mission. Quantity has a quality all its own. Numbers count in ensuring our Navy is

"Our goal is a Navy that provides good quality of life for our Sailors and their families."

*Adm. Vern Clark,
Chief of Naval Operations*

prepared and positioned to carry out the National Security Strategy. Forward deployed, combat credible forces are far more effective in deterring and countering aggression than forces that show up weeks later. Thus a Navy smaller than today's is an invitation to greater operational risk and decreased international stability.

The FY02 procurement budget is \$10 billion below the level required to sustain our Navy. We must buy greater numbers of ships and aircraft. To do so, we must balance the competing demands of current readiness, procurement, innovation, and experimentation to stay at the forefront of military transformation.

Better business practices are essential for freeing up resources for enhanced procurement and transformation. This means that all Navy leaders, in uniform and civilian, must think in terms of maximum productivity, minimum overhead, and measurable output. We must spend with great care every dollar the taxpayers entrust to us for their defense.

Guidance for Leaders

* We must structure the Navy to deter, dissuade, and defeat America's adversaries.

* Increase ship and aircraft procurement rates by the end of the FYDP to, at a minimum, buy 10 ships and 210 aircraft per year. (N8)

* We must improve our warfighting capabilities.

* Accelerate Navy transformation to enhance situational awareness, speed, precision, and stealth by investing in key programs. (N7/N8/CFFC/Echelon II)

* Develop cross-platform Mission Capability Package analysis techniques to counterbalance and complement Integrated Warfare Architectures (IWARs) recommendations. (N7/N8)

* Provide force structure recommendations in view of the 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review and Defense Planning Guidance, including analysis of innovative force packages and deployment techniques. Include plans to acquire, operate, sustain, modernize, or dispose of supporting infrastructure. (N8/N7/N4)

* Provide experimentation, employment concept, and procurement plans that integrate the Surface Combatant Force of the 21st Century, including DD(X), CG(X), High Speed Vessel (HSV), and the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS). (N7/N8)

* Further develop Navy's road map of Fleet and joint experimentation to achieve transformation, leveraging Navy participation in Millennium Challenge 02 and Olympic Challenge 04. (N7/NWDC/NWC/CFFC)

* Provide specific process recommendations to accelerate introduction of promising technologies and concepts into the Fleet. (N7/N8/NWDC/NWC/ONR/CFFC/Echelon II)

* Adopt Human Systems Integration concepts in platform and systems acquisition to ensure Sailor capabilities are maximized while long-term manpower costs are minimized. (SYSCOMs/PEOs/N1)

* We must become more

efficient.

* Working together with the Secretary of the Navy, we are committed to streamlining our support structure. We must free up resources to allow increased investment in warfighting readiness and procurement. (PEOs/SYSCOMs/Echelon II/N8/DNS)

* Increase integration of USN/Joint modeling, training, and analysis systems to leverage shared databases and enhance results. (N8/N7/DNS)

* Work with our service partner to achieve maximum efficiency from DoN programmatic investments, to include enhancing warfighting effectiveness by integrating Navy and Marine Corps aviation, engineering, and C4I capabilities. (N7/N4/DNS)

* Reduce overhead by 10%; return savings to Fleet readiness and procurement accounts. (PEOs/NAVAIR/NAVSEA/SPAWAR/DNS)

Quality of Service

Quality of Service remains a primary focus area in 2002. Our goal is a Navy that provides good quality of life and work for our Sailors and their families. We will fund technologies that enable our people to do their jobs more efficiently and effectively. Because our infrastructure has been underfunded, we must improve our hangars, piers, and housing. Working through that backlog will not be quick or inexpensive, but we are dedicated to correcting the situation.

Quality of Service is also about values and leadership. Values are what we fight for. Leadership is about trust – a covenant in which leaders commit to the growth and development of subordinates in return for their commitment to service to our nation.

The entire text can be viewed online at: <http://www.chinfo.navy.mil/navpalib/cno/clark-guidance2002.html>

MWR Activities

Test skill, competition on paintball field

The opening of the NAVSTA Pascagoula Paintball field in May 2002, brings one of the fastest growing sports here to Singing Island.

The sport of Paintball started in 1981 in Henniker, N.H., as an adult version of 'Capture the Flag.' Since that time, the sport has grown and is being played in over 25 countries worldwide.

The Pascagoula paintball field has everything you need for your next paintball war game. Semi-automatic gun (paint marker), rounds of paintball ammo, camouflage clothing and special masks, which protects both eyes and face can be rented for only \$15 for four hours of play.

The paintball field is open every Thursday night from 4 - 8 p.m.. If any group, squadron or department would like to play at another time, contact the Outdoor Recreation facility at 761-2038, to make an appointment.



Opponents prepare to face-off in a paintball challenge.

Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

Alaskan adventure awaits 10 sailors of the year

Millington, Tenn. – As part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) ongoing effort to spotlight some of Navy's extraordinary Sailors, the 'Saluting Sailors and Their Families' initiative is proud to announce the "Sailor of the Year Alaskan Adventure." This spectacular cruise for 10 lucky 2001 Sailor of the Year selectees is a joint effort between the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and Navy Personnel Command's MWR Division.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Navy's best and brightest," said CMDCM (SS) Gale Bond, MWR Division's Command Master Chief. "Local commands should forward their 2001 Sailor of the Year selectee's information to NPC MWR by July 8. We'll then draw 10 winners from that

group to join us on a cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas on August 9-18." Each winner is invited to bring one guest, age eighteen or older. Winners will be contacted and announced July 15.

Submission information should include: name and rank of 2001 SoY selectee, command name and address, and commanding officer contact information (phone and e-mail). Send submissions via email to p654f1@persnet.navy.mil, or by fax to 901-874-6831 or DSN 882-6831.

The cruise will be a "working" cruise as each Sailor will be required to interview key cruise ship personnel to determine cruise industry best practices, such as recreational and fitness needs of crew. Navy MWR hopes to find best practices that are adaptable to Navy

ships.

An MWR Afloat Recreation Specialist and an Afloat Fitness Specialist will assist in conducting onboard interviews. The premise for the interviews and research is that each cruise ship employs personnel with fitness, recreational, and social needs that must be met to ensure the mission (a fun and safe cruise for passengers) is accomplished.

Navy MWR Afloat Recreation and Fitness Specialists are assigned to Navy ships to provide recreation and fitness programs.

In their spare time, SoY cruise participants will enjoy the lap of luxury with outside balcony cabins, gourmet cuisine, and dazzling entertainment. Adventurous shore excursions include helicopter rides, glacier trekking, dog

sledding, and train riding. They'll view incredible glacier scenery as they travel along Alaska's Inside Passage where walls of ice stretch 5,000 feet. Ports of call include Vancouver, British Columbia and in Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan, Alaska. The cruise will take passengers through the Inside Passage and to the Hubbard Glacier.

Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas offers the ultimate "at sea" experience, combining speed, added comforts, greater space, sweeping ocean vistas and an enhanced staff committed to serving your every whim. Among her spectacular features are the 10-story glass-constructed Centrum, glass elevators facing the sea and the highest percentage of outside cabins in the Royal Caribbean fleet.

MWR Activities

Family trips to Waterville USA and Aquarium

Naval Station Pascagoula's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has a wide range of activities and events planned for July. They include:

July 3 -- MWR hosts Naval Station Pascagoula 10th anniversary party. Begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day. Scheduled activities for the Stars and Stripes 10th Birthday Bash include climbing wall, bungee run, skywalk, "The Battle of the Mudlump" (team competitions), and other fun activities. For more information, call the MWR offices at 761-2052.

July 3 -- Movie night at Cracker Jacks, featuring 'Resident Evil,' 7 p.m. Free popcorn.

July 10 -- Family day trip to Waterville USA. Admission to the park is \$16 (adult military and dependents), \$12 (children under 42 inches tall), and 21 (all others). Transportation cost is \$5 per person.. RSVP not later than July 8. For more information, call 761-2432 or 761-2102.

July 10 -- Movie night at Cracker Jacks, featuring 'Panic Room,' 7 p.m. Free pizza.

July 11 -- Pool tournament at Cyber Cafe, 6:30 p.m. \$5 entry fee, prizes for winners.

July 14 -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the Tropicana 400, Chicagoland Speedway, begins 1 p.m.. Pick a winner and win.

July 15 -- Dart tournament at Cracker Jacks, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee, prizes for winners.

July 16 -- Dominos tournament at Cyber Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

July 17 -- Movie night at Cracker Jacks, featuring 'The Rookie,' 7 p.m. Two-for-one hot dogs.

July 20 -- 10th Annual Causeway Classic 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m. Runners and walkers will start at the gym. Causeway will be closed to all vehicular traffic. For more information, call the gymnasium

at 761-2107.

July 20 -- Liberty trip to Jazzland. Depart from Cyber Cafe at 9 a.m., Admission to the park is \$20. Free transportation. RSVP not later than July 17. For more information call 761-2293.

July 21 -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the New England 500, New Hampshire International Speedway, begins 12:30 p.m.. Pick a winner and win.

July 22 -- 9-ball pool tournament at Cracker Jacks, 7 p.m. \$5 entry fee, prizes for winners.

July 24 -- Family day trip to New Orleans Aquarium. Leave from ITT offices at 8 a.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Transportation cost is \$5 per person. RSVP not later than July 22. For more information, call 761-2432.

July 24 -- Movie night at Cracker Jacks, featuring '40 Days, 40 Nights,' 7 p.m. Free egg-rolls.

July 25 -- Liberty cookout, 6:30 p.m. at the Cyber Cafe.

July 26 -- Liberty camping trip to Oak Grove Campground. Leave at noon (July 26), return July 28. \$10 fee includes transportation and food. For more information, call Max at 761-2293.

July 28 -- NASCAR Sunday at Cracker Jacks for the Pennsylvania 500, Pocono Raceway, begins 11:30 a.m.. Pick a winner and win.

July 29 -- Liberty program 'Tacos Night,' 6:30 p.m. at the Cyber Cafe.

July 31 -- Movie night at Cracker Jacks, featuring 'Showtime,' 7 p.m. Free nachos.

Tickets for most activities and events are available through the Information, Tickets and Tours office, 761-2432. ITT also has tickets to Disney World, Universal Studios, Jazzland, Six Flags, Busch Gardens, Sea World, the Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium.

The Sports and Fitness Center at the gymnasium is open seven days a week and holidays. The telephone number is 761-2107. The Sports and Fit-

ness Center also has group cycling on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; ABS classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.; Aerobics on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

The swimming pool is open for lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6 - 8 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open swimming Monday through Thursday 1 - 7 p.m., and on Friday from 1 - 4 p.m., weekends and holidays, noon - 5 p.m.

The Cyber Cafe is open Monday through Friday, 4:30 - 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 10 p.m.

MWR's Outdoor Rental is open Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 7 a.m.-3 p.m., phone 761-2038.

Cracker Jack's is open Monday through Friday, 5- 10 p.m., and on Sundays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

MWR's Auto Hobby Shop is open Wednesday through Friday, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Liberty coordinator David Maxwell grills chicken in preparation for the Liberty barbecue held June. 20.